

Convey to build the Next Generation of defense of Islam.

In this day and age, we find that the correct Islamic creed is absent in a lot of people who ascribe themselves to Islam. Newly innovated matters of religion have become widespread, and those who forbid evil have become few. Islam has turned into something tailored as per the interest of every person. Many of these people show a decent lack of concern despite the widespread of Kufr, Shirk, prohibitions and Bid' ah. And it is falsely believed that the only boundary that separates Muslims from the disbelievers is the uttered Kalimah of Lā-I'lāha-ila'hīh with no action to it. Such widespread ignorance signifies the crucial role which Dawah has, once a land is conquered.

This is the example set by the Islamic State in the past years. The State rushed to give Dawah to any land which it conquered. And by the Grace of Allah, it is Dawah which caused hundreds of thousands of Muslims and Ahlul-Dhimma from Raqqa, Mosul, and other areas of Sham and Iraq, and across east and west of the world to come out of ignorance and to have a deep affection towards the revival of the caliphate by the Islamic State. It is this Dawah that helped the Islamic State to govern the affairs of so many people.

While the knowledge of Salāt and Zakah, and some other fundamentals and pillars of Islam re-

mained in the societies of Muslims around the world, the topics of Jihad; which is the peak of Islam, correct 'Aqeedah and Al-Walā Wal-Barā have been wiped out completely.

However, Allah almighty blessed the leaders and soldiers of the Islamic State, by facilitating them in reviving the Islamic knowledge while teaching it and acting upon it themselves. With this, the Muslim Jama'ah was unified, justice manifested, and Muslims experienced the sweetness and bounties of an Islamic State after being deprived of it for many years. Pulpits that were once used for calling the masses to aid the disbelievers against the Muslim brethren, to praise the Crusaders, and to make Du'a for the apostates, echoed with the voice of truth regarding the Dīn of Allah. In addition to this, the Islamic State also spread the truth using Television and Radios channels, which the enemies of Allah alternatively used to degrade the Muslims while portraying the kuffar as "heroes" of the world. Leaflets on the correct 'Aqeedah were distributed on roads, in markets, and agricultural lands too.

All this led to the white-haired grandfathers hastening towards Istishhādī operations. And the fathers pushing their sons to go forth for the sake of the religion. And women, who used to display

Tabarruj and spread fawāhish to leave their evil conduct, return to the religion, cover themselves with the proper hijab and become some of the most modest and chaste women in the world. And many people who supported the disbelievers against the Muslims declared their repentance and instead stood in defense of the Muslims.

This is the prosperity of Dawah after the lands came under the control of the Mujāhidīn. Yet, for those lands which lack such power and authority, the importance of Dawah is no lesser. As gaining the hearts of people - even though not a condition for Jihad - can be considered as an upper hand for gaining power and authority over a land. It is a sad reality that the word of Haqq is delayed for many Muslims who abided in the lands of Kufr.

Their delay in leaving of heretic ways is nothing more than ignorance which would have been lifted if the word of truth has been uttered to them, or if there had been mentors who would correct them when they fell short. The heavy burden and duty of this are upon the shoulders of none other than the one possessing knowledge.

In the Maldives, like many other countries, practicing Islam was limited to only some Ibādāth like Salāt, Zakah and fasting, and few other acts of worship which have been made accustomed to traditions. The rest of the Ibādāt are deemed extreme by the filthy man-made laws. For this reason, a person who insults Allah openly on the roads is pardoned. At the same time, a Takbir may fall in to the category of assisting "terrorism activities". Even with strict laws targeting Dawah, the obligation and responsibility upon the brothers in conveying the message does not fall short.

One of the major ways to build a new generation of armor for Islam is through Dawah. Therefore, convey the message with foresightedness, patience and kindness. **"Invite to the way of your Lord with wisdom and good instruction..." (Surah An-Nahl; 125)**

As it may come a day when those Muslims are the ones who will be backing and assisting the Mujāhidīn. Therefore, clarify and enlighten the Muslims with good instruction about the roles, motives and goals of the Mujāhidīn, and the reality of the methodology which the Islamic State strictly adheres to. Thus, the one who is sincere, by the Grace of Allah, will return to the Truth and join the ranks, or support the Mujāhidīn's efforts. And the one who is a worshipper of his own evil desires will be seen fleeing from you as a prey would flee from the lion.

The first aspect we should hold on to during

Dawah is ensuring the safety of yourself and the Muslims around you. But you should ascertain to yourself that Dawah is something which carries risks. There could be an uncertainty of potential danger, or the likelihood of being severely tested as per the Sunnah which most who took this responsibility from the advent of Ādam ('alaihi-salām) had to go through.

Therefore, take your precautions when giving Dawah. If the Dawah is being given in secrecy, choose an appropriate audience, put your trust in Allah and give Dawah. Keep in mind that the person whom you are reaching out may turn his face from the religion and flee from you. And if he does so, he will be leaving with every information that you have given him during Dawah. So do not talk of useless matters which would harm the Muslim Jama'ah.

Secondly, you should bear in mind and fear Allah upon talking of that which you have no knowledge of. The knowledge of Allah and His religion is not child's play. Therefore, do not read a book from here, and a book from there and give your personal opinions on complicated and difficult matters to those whom you are giving Dawah. Talking about religion without knowledge is among the reasons why deviated sects emerge. The fitnah which such heretic sects of falsehood have spread among the ranks of the Munāsirīn of the Islamic State around the world is immense. Namely, the Khawārij sects have stemmed from such traits of ignorance and misuse of Shar'i 'Ilm.

Thirdly, your persistence upon the Truth is something which will benefit Dawah. The fact that years of tests and afflictions having no effect on your will and endurance in Dawah and acting upon your knowledge, and your unwilling resolve to compromise the religion to every worldly matter is something which would make your words trustworthy and credible to those who listen to you. What could be said about a man who gives Dawah on the issues of remaining steadfast, but is found adjusting and innovating matters of religion? It is of the features and attributes of deviated sects that they do not act upon their knowledge, nor remain steadfast upon what they preach. And such people are swift to compromise religion in every place and time possible.

When you are giving Dawah, give your mind and attention to all those who have accepted your message. It might be that Allah may enable them to be among the carriers of the Flag of Islam in a near future. And if anyone were to accept your Dawah, and follows it with giving victory to Islam



in any form, you will not be deprived from being awarded with anything less than what he has done of good deeds.

So, look after those who have accepted your Dawah as a plant you would water carefully for its harvest, or a child whom you attentively bring up with good conduct. So, spend on them, feed them, and look after all their affairs as much as you possible can. And spend time with them and do not let their pass a day which you do not check on them. And consider it as part of the provision that you prepare for the Hereafter.

Therefore, once you have given Dawah, do not leave those who gave an ear to you to be as they are. Anyone who returns to Islam should be considered an ornament or a rare gem. And we should help them find good and pious companions in place for the bad companions they have given up.

Dawah is not exclusive to words uttered from the mouth alone. Such is the philosophy of many so-called Du'āt of today. Rather Dawah without acting upon what you preach may end up being an established proof against you on the Day of Judgement. If you consider giving Dawah, the Dawah of action is no less superior. It is indeed grieving to find you without action, while the people whom you have given Dawah are marching forth and excelling in ranks in the Sight of Allah.

Therefore, compete with the people that you give Dawah in action too, as this is the Sunnah of the prophets and the Salaf. Also, this is what we saw from the leaders and Mujāhid Scholars of the Islamic State. May Allah accept from them.

To conclude, we advise the brothers and sisters on regards of their intention. We should give great importance to this as intention is something that others cannot see. And even if one acts accordingly as mentioned above by giving Da'wah and acting upon it and dying upon it while the intention is corrupt, it would be nothing but a wasted effort. Therefore, renew your intention every day and every moment.

And beware of piling up your actions like mountains to be in the end scattered like dust on the Day of Resurrection. May Allah ta'ālā make us like the Mujāhidīn of the Islamic State whose actions preceded their words. And may Allah bring about with our Dawah, more people who will continue carrying the flag of Lā-l'īlah-ila'hilāh, Amin.